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Nominations to the District Boards of Tanjore East and Tanjore West.

* 565 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that nominations have been made to the West Tanjore District Board;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) what the names and addresses are of each of such nominated members and to which community each of them belongs;

(*d*) how many members holding reserved seats are serving on the West Tanjore District Board after the bifurcation of the Tanjore District Board was made, and what those reserved seats are;

(*e*) when the bifurcation was made and when the nominations were ordered for the East Tanjore District Board; and

(*f*) what the reasons are for postponing the nominations for the West Tanjore District Board so far, and ordering them now?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the notification published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 15th October 1935. The communities of the nominated persons are:—

Anglo-Indians,
Indian Christians,
Adi-Dravidas, and
Non-Brahman Hindu (Women).

(*d*) Six. Three were reserved for Adi-Dravidas, one was reserved for Muslims, one for Indian Christians and one for Women.

(*e*) On 17th December 1934 and 22nd January 1935.

(*f*) The Government are not prepared to give reasons.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" With regard to clause (*f*), the Government say that they are not prepared to give reasons. May I ask what difficulties there are in giving the information? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government considered that more time was necessary for coming to a decision on the point."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Do I understand that because there are no reasons for the Government to give, they are unprepared to give reasons? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government thought it was desirable to give representation to the minority community."